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REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES IN THE HIGH SEAS OF THE OKHOTSK SEA

(Submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

1. Delegations from China, Japan, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation met in Moscow on 31 May and 1 June 1993 to discuss problems pertaining to the utilization and conservation of pollack resources in the high seas in the central Okhotsk Sea beyond the 200-mile exclusive economic zone (hereinafter referred to as "the area").

2. The International Conference elected Mr. G. R. Kunadze (Russian Federation) as its Chairman and Mr. S. N. Karev (Russian Federation) as its Vice-Chairman. Mr. O. R. Egorov (Russian Federation) was appointed Secretary of the Conference.

3. The delegations were of the opinion that conservation measures should be based on scientific data gathered on pollack resources in the area. For that purpose the delegations decided to create an Ad Hoc Committee, the first meeting of which will take place in September 1993 at Vladivostok.

4. Pending the results of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, the delegations recognized the desirability of participating countries taking, on a voluntary basis, interim measures with the objective of conserving pollack resources in the area. With regard to possible interim measures, the delegation of the Russian Federation proposed a moratorium on fishing for pollack in the area and the delegations of Japan and the Russian Federation expressed their intention to continue the temporary suspension of pollack fishing in the area, while the delegations of China, Poland and the Republic of Korea expressed their intention to reduce their fishing efforts for pollack in the area by 25 per cent in comparison with the same period in 1992.

5. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a special statement on the total insufficiency of the measures aimed at the partial reduction of fishing

efforts for the conservation of the pollack stock and declared, in that respect, its intention to take all necessary measures on the basis of the relevant provisions of international law to promote the conservation of the pollack stock in the Okhotsk Sea.

6. The delegations decided to convene the second session of the International Conference in Moscow in October 1993 in order to review the scientific data to be presented by the Ad Hoc Committee with a view to deliberating necessary conservation measures based on the Ad Hoc Committee's report.